

## **Keweenaw National Historical Park (MI)**



Alan McTaggart was born in 1994 in Ashland, Ohio but moved with his parents to Houghton in Michigan's Upper Peninsula before his first birthday and lived there for his entire childhood. Throughout his life in the UP outdoor activities, be it fishing, hiking, skiing, or simply sitting around a campfire with friends were some of the most formative experiences in his life. This exposure to a lot of quality experiences in wild places resulted in a deep passion for conservation. This passion lasted through college where he used it to pursue a degree in Biology with a concentration in Natural Resources at Central Michigan University. Throughout college his understanding of conservation expanded greatly as he learned about how multi-faceted it is. Involvement in a variety of student organizations including CMU's Student Environmental Alliance and The Wildlife Society exposed him to just how much of a community and social issue conservation really is. After graduation in May of 2016

he spent the next two summers working for non-profit land trusts in northern Michigan where he gained a great deal of experience working with surrounding communities on issues of land preservation and environmental education. He now serves as a Community Volunteer Ambassador at Keweenaw National Historical Park in Calumet, MI. He looks forward to working in his home region to help in the preservation of local cultural and natural resources and to help facilitate meaningful interaction of local residents with those resources.